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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

KADAMBI et al

Serial No.: Unknown

Filed: August 9, 2000

Parent Application:

Group Art Unit: 2738

Examiner: M. Slavitt

For: A METHOD OF SENDING PACKETS BETWEEN TRUNK PORTS OF NETWORK SWITCHES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 2000

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following sentence:

~This application is a divisional application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of parent application Serial No. 09/343,718, filed June 30, 1999.~

REMARKS

The subject application is a divisional application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of parent application Serial No. 09/343,718, filed on June 30, 1999. The above amendments are submitted to place the application in condition for examination. Claims 1-19 are